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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
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As a below named inventor, I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or a first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below, or on additional sheets attached hereto) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled : "Process for forming an oxide layer of non-uniform thickness on the surface of a silicon substrate"

which is described and claimed in (check one of the following) :

the attached specification;

the specification in application Serial N° _____, Filed _____

X PCT International Application N° PCT/FR99/01756, Filed 19 July 1998 ✓

(if application) and was amended under PCT Article 34 on August 4, 2000

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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Foreign/PCT Appln. N°	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes / No)
98/09607 ✓	France ✓	28 July 1998 ✓	Yes

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U.S. Application N°	Filing Date	Status (patented/pending/abandoned)

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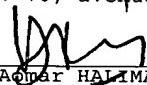
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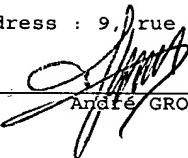
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